

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph beginning on page 8, line 1 as follows:

Mounting pins 114, 116 are positionable in receptacles formed in sidewalls 45 adjacent the proximal ends 44 of anchor extensions 40 to mount guide instrument 100 thereto with mounting axis 142 intersecting alignment axis 200. Mounting member 102 can be pivoted about mounting pins 114, 116, as indicated by arrow 111 in Fig. 7, to adjust the location of intersection between mounting axis 142 ~~axis 141~~ and alignment axis 200 along the bony segment.

Please amend the second paragraph beginning on page 8, line 7 as follows:

Coupling pin 130 extends along mounting axis 142 from a proximal end 133 to a distal end portion 131. Distal end portion 131 includes slot 132 extending therealong that opens at a distal end of pin 130. Slot 132 separates distal end portion 131 into a first finger 134 and a second finger 136. A first protrusion 138 projects radially outwardly from first finger 134, and a second protrusion 140 projects radially outwardly from second finger 136. Fingers 134, 136 can deflect toward one another for insertion through bore 122 of mounting member 102. Fingers 134, 136 ~~Fingers 134~~ are resiliently biased to return toward their pre-insertion configuration when projections 138, 140 extend distally beyond distal end 118 of mounting member 102. Projections 138, 140 engage distal end 118 of mounting member 102 to axially and releasably secure coupling pin 130 to mounting member 102.

Please amend the first full paragraph beginning on page 10, line 3 as follows:

In the positions indicated by 180', 180'', guide member 180 is positioned adjacent to or in contact with body portion 152 such that further pivoting movement is limited. The recessed sides 110, 112 of mounting member 102 allow guide axis 198 to remain unobstructed in the positions indicated by 180', 180''. In one embodiment, angular orientations 202, 204 range from about 2 degrees for minimum angular orientation 204 to about 8 degrees for maximum angular orientation 202. Other embodiments contemplate angular orientations ranging from 0 degrees to about 28 degrees. Further ~~It is still further~~ embodiments contemplate that guide axis 198 can be oriented relative to alignment axis 200 at any anatomically expected trajectory based on the

anatomical location of alignment axis 200, and also based on the anatomical features for a particular patient.

Please amend the second full paragraph beginning on page 10, line 14 as follows:

Placement of the secondary anchor can further be guided along mounting axis 142 by removing coupling pin 130 from mounting body 102. In this form of guide instrument 100, drilling, tapping and driving instruments are guided through bore 122 to ~~locations~~ location intersecting alignment axis 200. Accordingly, the secondary anchor can also be positioned at an angular orientation of 0 degrees relative to mounting axis 142.

Please amend the first full paragraph beginning on page 15, line 1 as follows:

Guide member 244 includes a guide portion 246 forming a guide passage therethrough that extends along guide axis 248. Guide instrument 220 is structured so that guide axis 248 intersects alignment axis 200 at any position of guide axis 248 relative to the anchor extensions 40 when guide instrument 200 is mounted to anchors extensions 40. For example, with coupling member 239 and guide member 244 each rotated fully clockwise, guide axis 248 is oriented in the position shown in Fig. 11, and in the position shown as guide axis 248' in Fig. 12. Coupling member 239 and guide member 244 can each be pivoted about their respective pivot axis to the fully extended position, shown in Fig. 12 and indicated therein as guide axis 248. Coupling member 239 and guide member 244 can further be pivoted counter-clockwise to locate guide axis on the side of extensions 40 opposite that shown in Fig. 11. Movement of coupling member 239 and guide ~~member 244 member 2424~~ can also locate guide axis 248 at any position between these positions and maintain guide axis 248 in intersection with alignment axis 200. The only limitations in positioning of guide member 244 and coupling member 239 are created by the contact of guide member 244 and/or coupling member 239 with one or both of mounting assembly 221 and anchor extensions 240.